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FROM MOORE AND RIDGWAY

FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL, UNDERSECRETARY MAW,  
AMB. LEARSON AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

DEPT. PLS PASS D/LOS HULL AND COMMERCE HOWARD POLLOCK

GENEVA PLS PASS LOS TEAM

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SUBJECT: LOS TUNA TALKS WITH MEXICO

1. MOORE AND RIDGWAY MET WITH SUBSECRETARY CASTENEDA AND  
AMBASSADORS GONZALEZ DE LEON AND CASTRO Y CASTRO FOR TWO DAYS  
OF INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON LOS ARTICLE ON HIGHLY MIGRATORY  
SPECIES (ART. 53 OF SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT). BOTH SIDES  
USED THE GALINDO-POHL TEXT PREPARED AT NEW YORK MEETING OF  
EASTERN PACIFIC STATES.

2. PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS TO SEEK PRE-AGREEMENT WITH MEXICANS  
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ON TEXT OF REVISED ARTICLE 53 FOR USE IN UPCOMING SECOND

NEW YORK MEETING OF EASTERN PACIFIC STATES AND THEN LOS MARCH MEETING.

3. TALKS CORDIAL AND PRODUCTIVE AND RESULTED IN INFORMAL AND PERSONAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN DELEGATIONS ON PRECISE LANGUAGE WITH RESPECT TO ALL ISSUES BUT VOTING WITHIN REGIONAL TUNA ORGANIZATION. IMPORTANT ISSUES AGREED INCLUDE PARAGRAPHS ON NEW ENTRANTS TO REGIONAL TUNA ORGANIZATION, CONSERVATION OBLIGATIONS, PROVISIONS FOR UNIFORM FEES FOR FISH CAUGHT, AND FULL UTILIZATION AND COASTAL STATE PREFERENCE.

4. MEXICAN TEAM REFUSED TO ACCEPT VOTING PARAGRAPH WHICH REQUIRED CONCURRENCE OF ALL COASTAL STATES (INCLUDING THE U.S. IN THIS REGION) AND THAT MEASURES WOULD NOT AFFECT STATES FISHING BEYOND 200 MILES WITHOUT THEIR CONSENT. THEY SOUGHT INSTEAD A SIMPLE TWO-THIRDS VOTING RULE WHICH WOULD NOT PROTECT U.S. INTERESTS IN THIS OR OTHER REGIONS AND WHICH WOULD BE MAJOR DEPARTURE IN FISHING ORGANIZATIONS. SINCE AGREEMENT NOT REACHED ON VOTING PARAGRAPH (AND RELATED PROVISION ON RULES FOR FISHING BEYOND 200 MILES), WE HELD OFF ON ACCEPTING PARAGRAPH ON COASTAL STATE PREFERENCE WHICH TO PRESERVE LEVERAGE ON VOTING ISSUE WE LINKED WITH VOTING PARAGRAPH. LINK BETWEEN VOTING AND PREFERENCE ESSENTIAL, AND RESOLUTION OF THE DIFFERENCE FUNDAMENTAL TO REACHING PRE-AGREEMENT ON ENTIRE TEXT.

5. FOLLOWING MEXICO CITY TALKS WE ARE SUBSTANTIALLY CLOSER TO AGREEMENT ON ARTICLE 53 WITH MEXICANS. INDEED THEIR STAND ON VOTING ISSUE IS PUZZLING AND MAY SIMPLY REFLECT HESITANCY TO BE OUT FRONT IN AGREEMENT WITH U.S. ON ISSUES PRIOR TO NEW YORK REGIONAL MEETING WITH OTHER LATIN STATES. ON OTHER HAND, GOM MAY ACTUALLY HAVE BELIEVED U.S. WOULD GIVE UP MAJOR LEVERAGE IT HAS TO PROTECT ITS INTEREST (CAPACITY TO FISH BEYOND 200 MILES). MEXICAN DEL GOT THE MESSAGE, HOWEVER, THAT TWO-THIRDS VOTING SYSTEM AS PROPOSED BY MEXICANS COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE.

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6. WE WILL NOW TAKE PARAGRAPHS AGREED AND SEEK PRE-AGREEMENT IN QUITO.

7. TALKS ALSO BRIEFLY COVERED UNILATERAL 200 MILE PROBLEM. MEXICO INDICATED THEY EXPECTED TO IMPLEMENT FISHING ASPECT OF NEW 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONE SOMETIME THIS SUMMER ALTHOUGH THEY WOULD HOLD OFF ON MARINE POLLUTION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION

UNTIL LOS TREATY.

8. DETAILED REPORTING CABLE WITH TEXT OF ARTICLE 53  
PARAGRAPHS AGREED FOLLOWS.  
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